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Re application of

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MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Box No. I

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- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
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- pages 1-28 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 6-9, 11, 12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-5, 10 _____ received by this Authority on 11.10.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 3, 6, 7, 10-12	YES
	Claims	1, 4, 5, 8, 9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 5-275513 A (Kyocera Corp.), 22 October 1993

Document 2: JP 4-3500 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 08 January 1992

Document 3: JP 2002-307359 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 23 October 2002

Claim 1

Document 2 cited in the international search report discloses an adsorption nozzle equipped with an adsorption hole section, which comprises a hole with a circular cross section and four enlarged parts where a portion of the end of said hole has been enlarged in the radial direction.

The modifications to the invention disclosed in document 2, whereby the number of the abovementioned enlarged parts is increased by one to a total of five enlarged parts and said enlarged parts are disposed in a uniform arrangement, are merely arbitrary design matters that could have been configured by a person skilled in the art, as necessary.

Consequently, the invention set forth in claim 1 does not involve an inventive step.

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Claims 4, 5, 8 and 9

Document 3 cited in the international search report discloses an adsorption nozzle equipped with a protruding member and an energizing member for constantly energizing said protruding member in the direction towards the protrusion site.

The inventions disclosed in documents 2 and 3 are both associated with the same technical field in that they both pertain to adsorption, and thus it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of combining the invention disclosed in document 2 with the invention disclosed in document 3.

Furthermore, configurations wherein the part of an adsorption device that comes into contact with a work is formed from a semiconductor ceramic material are well known, as disclosed in document 1 cited in the international search report; therefore, when combining the inventions disclosed in documents 2 and 3 it would merely be a simple design matter to configure the abovementioned protruding member from a semiconductor ceramic material.

Consequently, the inventions set forth in claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 do not involve an inventive step.